

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 32

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A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article III, Section 17, of the Constitution of Tennessee, to provide for popular election of the secretary of state.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed:

That Article III, Section 17, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

A secretary of state shall be popularly elected by the qualified voters of the state and shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and until a successor is elected and qualified. The secretary of state shall be at least thirty (30) years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall have been a citizen of this state for a period of at least five (5) years immediately preceding the election.

The secretary of state shall keep a fair register of all the official acts and proceedings of the governor; and shall, when required, lay the same, and all papers, minutes and vouchers relative thereto, before the General Assembly; and shall perform such other duties as shall be enjoined by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon ratification of the amendment proposed herein at the 2010 November general election, a popular election for secretary of state shall be held at the 2012 November general election and every four (4) years thereafter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the term of office of the secretary of state shall begin on the second Tuesday in January immediately following the 2012 November general election and every four (4) years thereafter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon ratification of the amendment proposed herein at the 2010 November general election, the general assembly shall retain power to fill, until the 2012 November general election, any vacancy arising in the office of secretary of state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the foregoing be referred to the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published by the secretary of state in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the clerk of the senate is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the secretary of state.